

**PATENT**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of )  
Min Li ) Group Art Unit:  
Serial No. T/B/A ) Examiner:  
Filed: November 30, 2000 ) Atty. Dkt. No. 01107.00063

For: METHODS OF DETECTION UTILIZING MODIFIED BACTERIOPHAGE

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please enter the following amendments before examining the divisional application which is filed concurrently herewith.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Page 1, after line 3 insert:

--This application is a divisional of U.S. Serial No. 08/861,572, filed May 22, 1997, allowed.--

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Cancel Claims 31-37, as well as 2-4, 6-8, 10-16, 18-21, 23-30.

**REMARKS**

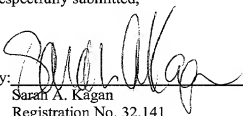
The present application is directed to claims 1, 5, 9, 17, 22, and 38-44.

It is is believed that no fee is required to make this a complete and timely filing.  
However, if a fee is required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account  
No. 19-0733.

Respectfully submitted,

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